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offcers and questioning complaints in cases, such as assaults on women accused and women and child witnesses; patrolling large Railway stations and meeting trains to deal with, control and assist women passengers; dealing with stray children; and bandobust, duties at large gatherings where women congregate, e.g., big public meetings where there are separate women enclosures should there be a large festival at a place where there is a Railway station and women congregate, a detachment of women police could be sent to the railway.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : If these are the duties of the women police officers, why should the Government insist on particular standards when women with such standards are not available throughout the whole State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It was a matter which was considered and it was felt that for discharging satisfactorily these duties, certain standards must be insisted upon.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Have the Government decided upon the dress they should wear?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is a minor matter. There should be no difficulty in deciding about it. If hon. Members have any suggestion, I would take them. (Laughter.)

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : As most of the applicants were found to be sub-standard in the matter of physical fiitness and other things, will the Government undertake security measures in order to protect these officers from molestation?

MR. CHAIRMAN : That is not a supplementary question.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government do insist on some standards.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Anyway, that is not a supplementary question.

*Transfer of Collectors*

* 33 Q.—SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of District Collectors transferred from Chingleput district since January 1957 till date; and

(b) the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Four.

(b) The changes were made on administrative grounds.

SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR : பதிலைத் தமிழில் சொல்லுமாறு கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : இது நிர்வாகத் தேவைக்காக செய்யப்படுகிறது.

SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR : அடிக்கடி மாவட்ட கலெக்டர்களை மாற்றுவதால், மாவட்ட நிர்வாகம் சீரான நிலையில் இல்லை என்பது அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : இதிலே மாற்ற வேண்டிய அவசியம் இருந்தது. ஒன்றிரண்டு பேருக்கு மேல் உத்தியோகத்திற்கு பிரமோஷன் வருகிறது. அதை எப்படித் தடுப்பது ? தடுக்க முடியாது. (சிரிப்பு.)

*Tiruvalangadu*

* 34 Q.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN (on behalf of SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any ppropposal to shift the headquarters from Manur to Tiruvalangadu in Tiruttani taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir.

*Poonamallee Panchayat*

* 35 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) the number of occasions of failure of electricity in Poonamallee Panchayat from January to March 1960;

(b) the duration of failure on each occasion; and

(c) the causes for the failure?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) Forty-six.

(b) A statement is placed on the table of the House.

(c) Break-down of feeder, pre-arranged shut-down, emergency shut-down for rectification of switch, tripping of the feeder to clear temporary faults, load shedding and low tension shut-down for carrying out minor rectifications on lines.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it not a fact that electricity failed in the Poonamallee Panchayat on a number of occasions for hours together and some times for even days? If it is only a question of repair, how can electricity fail for hours on end?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I have placed a statement [a] on the table of the House. If the hon. Member would go through it he will find that his supplementary question that electricity failed for days together is not waranted. Neither was inconvenience caused for hours together. The longest period at one time was eigth hours. It must be due to repair being carried out on some lines.

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